

FISCAL NOTE

SB 175 - HB 174

February 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Replaces the existing requirement that a veteran have a *combat-related* cause of a 100% total disability to qualify for property tax relief with a new requirement that the disability be *service-connected*.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,850,000 First Full Year

Assumptions:

- At least 2150 more veterans would qualify for property tax reimbursement.
- An average payment per applicant of \$845.
- 20% of the individuals classified as 100% disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs would not qualify for the exemption due to the non-permanency of their disability or due to being classified as 100% unemployable due to such disability.
- 75% of 100% physically disabled veterans own homes.
- One additional staff person would be required in the Office of the Comptroller to handle the administrative responsibilities related to the increase in applicants. The estimated increase in expenditures associated with this additional staff person plus additional administrative expenses is estimated to be \$50,000.
- Bill takes effect January 1, 2008.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director